

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
Regular Meeting  
June 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard;

Roll Call: Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard; Treasurer, Frederick Holdorff; Commissioner, Gerald V. Chingwa; and Commissioner, William R. Ortiz.

Absent: John Keshick III, Chairman;

NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Chad LaFaver; Inland Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Max Field; Environmental Services Interim Manager, Caroline Moellering; and Office Coordinator, Debra Smithkey-Browne;

Absent: Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Inland Fisheries Biologist, William Parsons;

Guest: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Bradley Baker, LTBB Tribal Commercial Captain; Washogeebic Silver, Tia Burk, Nushtewin Silver;

Open Ceremony – Moment of Silence

Public Comment opened 6:03 p.m. Gerald Chingwa commented on a map of all of the LTBB properties under NRD to visit the sites during good weather; Fred Holdorff, commented on the MDNR releasing thousands of male ringed pheasants in the lower counties in MI to increase license sales; Bradley Baker commented on the housing needed for construction workers working on the tunnel in the straits; Public Comment closed at 6:07 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda

**Motion made by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer; to approve the agenda as amended; William Ortiz, Commissioner; supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of May 22, 2019

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the minutes of May 22, 2019 as presented; Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer; supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer; to approve the Phone Poll dated June 07, 2019 to submit request for funds from CORA and conduct a phone poll to repair the Fairport dock; Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; supports.**

1 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

2 **Motion Carried**

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4 Discussion was held on Bradley Baker, LTBB Commercial Captain submitting his  
5 Business plan for the Small Grant. NRC suggested that Bradley meet with the Great  
6 Lakes Fishery staff to get assistance in completing the proper forms. Bradley said  
7 that he would like to learn to fish and is interested in the fishing with Lewis Keller.

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9 6:17 p.m. James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney arrived;

10 6:24 p.m. Bradley Baker departs meeting;

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12 **Natural Resource Department Director's Report – Douglas Craven, Director**

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14 6:30 p.m. Washogeebic Silver, Tia Burk, Nushtewin Silver arrived;

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16 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural**  
17 **Resource Director's Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven,**  
18 **Director; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

19 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

20 **Motion Carried**

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23 **Inland Fish and Wildlife Managers Report – Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife**  
24 **and Fish Biologist**

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26 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural**  
27 **Resource Inland Fish and Wildlife Verbal and Written Report as presented**  
28 **by Maxwell Field, Inland Wildlife and Fish Biologist; supported Gerald**  
29 **Chingwa, Commissioner.**

30 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

31 **Motion Carried**

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33 **Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis,**  
34 **Chief Conservation Officer**

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36 **Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural**  
37 **Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Verbal Report as presented by**  
38 **Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer; supported by Frederick Holdorph,**  
39 **Treasurer.**

40 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

41 **Motion Carried**

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43 Break at 7:34 p.m.

44 7:34 p.m. Washogeebic Silver, Tia Burk, Nushtewin Silver departs meeting.

45 Meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

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47 **Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Report – Chad LaFaver, Great lakes**  
48 **Fishery Biologist.**

1 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural**  
2 **Resource Great Lakes Fishery Written and Verbal Report as presented by**  
3 **Chad LaFavor, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported by Gerald Chingwa,**  
4 **Commissioner.**

5 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

6 **Motion Carried**

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8 **Natural Resource Environmental Services Report – Written Report**  
9 **submitted by Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Interim Manager**

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11 **Motion made by; William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural**  
12 **Resource Environmental Services Written and Verbal Report presented by**  
13 **Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Interim Manager; supported**  
14 **by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

15 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

16 **Motion Carried**

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18 **Commissioner's Report – Commissioners**

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20 8:35 p.m. Kevin Willis departs meeting.

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22 **Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the Natural**  
23 **Resource Commission verbal report as presented by commissioners;**  
24 **supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

25 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

26 **Motion Carried**

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28 **Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the commissioner**  
29 **attendance at the June 19, 2019, Tribal Talks meeting with Bay Mills to be**  
30 **held at Odawa Hotel and receive mileage, lodging, per diem and stipend;**  
31 **supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

32 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

33 **Motion Carried**

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35 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the**  
36 **commissioner attendance at the June 20, 2019, Tribal Talks meeting to be**  
37 **held Odawa Hotel and receive mileage, lodging, per diem and stipend;**  
38 **supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

39 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

40 **Motion Carried**

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42 Discussion and review were held on LTBB Camping Regulations.

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44 Resolution for camping carry over funds;

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46 Discussion and review was held on the LTBB Camping Regulations.

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48 **Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the LTBB**  
49 **Camping Regulations as amended; supported by Frederick Holdorph,**  
50 **Treasurer.**

1 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**  
2 **Motion Carried**  
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4 Discussion and review was held on the Cross Village LTBB Camp sites.  
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6 **Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve designation of**  
7 **the LTBB Cross Village parcel of land as a designated Camp Ground;**  
8 **supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

9 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**  
10 **Motion Carried**  
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12 Discussion was held on the Resolution for Camping Carryover Funds.  
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14 **Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the LTBB**  
15 **Resolution for the usage of Camping Carryover Funds; supported by**  
16 **Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

17 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**  
18 **Motion Carried**  
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20 Discussion and review the Elk Allocation letter from the State of MI Department of  
21 Natural Resources.  
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23 Discussion and review were held on the CORA comments to Army Corp of Engineers  
24 regarding Enbridge Line 5.  
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26 Discussion was held on the LTBB Sturgeon Harvest;  
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28 **Public comment at 9:54 p.m.** Comments regarding Eagles and lead poisoning;  
29 and Cross Village site for old dump site. Descendents be eligible for licensing in  
30 LTBB;  
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32 **Public comment closed at 10:05 p.m.**  
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34 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to adjourn the meeting at**  
35 **10:06 p.m.; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.**

36 **4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Keshick) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**  
37 **Motion Carried**  
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39 Next scheduled meeting will be held on June 26, 2019  
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Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

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Date